
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2ND, 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**".
 - Chris J. read the Twelve Traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #12.
 - Tess M. to report on Tradition 12 which states: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 12th Concept.
 - Dreia M. reports on Concept 12 which states: "General Warranties of the Conference: In all its proceedings, the World Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the C.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that the sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Cocaine Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 1st Tradition for next month.
 - Kyandra M. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 1st Concept for next month.
 - Nick B. volunteers.
- ⇒ **Chairperson: Committees Statement of Purpose:** as per Nick request, we will ask Committee Chair's to read their statement of purpose at the time of their report.

GSO Meeting 2024 Dates: January 6th., February 3rd., March 2nd., April 6th., May 4th., June 1st., July 13th., August 3rd., September 7th., October 5th., November 2nd., and December 7th.

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

ARE THERE ANY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS?

ANGEL G. ON DECEMBER 3RD FOR 2 YEARS AND JASON S. ON DECEMBER 13TH FOR 11 YEARS.

⇒ **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: "All the A's", Tuesday night bonfire.

New GSRs: Anthony D.

- **Steve C. moves to approve the new meeting "All the A's". Seconded.**

- Discussion: Nick B. wants to make sure this new meeting is instituted properly and asks that since it was previously an AA meeting if it has been removed from the AA directory. Chris W. explains that now it is in both directories, that the AA directory has been printed for the year, but the online listing will be changed. The new printed one will not be done until next year.

- **Motion passes.**

- Chris J. votes in opposition but does not want to speak to his opposition.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to approve all new GSR's. 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.

⇒ **Secretary:** prepared 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 announced quorum.

Quorum is 16

Present: Frank P., Nick B., Melanie R.G., Donovan B., Chris J., Steve C., Dan S., Nolan O., Jason S., Dreia M., Carlo P., Matt M., Jose A., Ron D., Doc E., Angel A., Matt A., Jenn C., Russell E., Matt S., MacKenzie C., Nate M., Anthony D., Betsy L. and Tess F.

Absent: Jannik S., Laura R.

Not 100% sure: Alonzo M., Tess M., Evan L., and Kyandra M.,

⇒ **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.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Parliamentarian:** reminds members to "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.”

- Steve C. reads from the CA World Service manual to remind members of parliamentary procedure and to pay attention to our principles.
- Chris J. clarifies how members no longer need to identify with their titles and vote count after doing so at roll call. Only your first name and last initial.

BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

⇒ **Chairperson's Report**

- Frank P.-

714.514.4150

- Report: Frank P. apologies for some of the exchanges during last month's meeting and having talked it over with the Executive Board, he believes he should've dismissed people earlier for disrespect. He will do so moving forward. While it is his duty to remain neutral, if things get out of order, we will pause. "We want to keep things moving."

Elections:

1. **Secretary position**

- Frank P. reports that Doc E. who had been voted in as the new secretary in the November meeting has made the decision to not take the position after all.
 - **Nick B. nominates Tess F. who is on Zoom for the position of secretary to complete Melanie R.G. 's term.**
- Tess F. accepts the nomination.
- Tess F. says that she has been a GSR for Heroin Anonymous, has volunteered for the S&B committee, and has held other positions of service. Her sobriety date is August 10, 2018. Tess F. steps away from Zoom.
 - **Chris J. makes a motion to close nominations. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- Doc E. explains he had to step down of the secretary's position because of some health concerns, scheduling conflicts, apologizes because it was selfish of him, and he needs to let someone else take the commitment. Steve C. thanks Doc E. for his self-reflection.
 - **Tess F. is voted in as secretary.**

2. **PI Committee Chair:**

- Jose A. has been nominated. Jose A. leaves the room.
- The discussion centers around how CA social media has exploded since he took over and that a lot is getting done. In addition, Jose A. has been a trusted servant, and we vouch for his character.
 - **Jose A. is voted in as PI Chair.**

3. **Hotline Committee Chair:**

- Jason S. has been nominated.
- Steve C. reminds us that the S&B is in process of creating the IT committee that will be the umbrella for Hotline and Website and Jason S. would step into this position.
- Jason S. leaves Zoom
- Discussion centers around Jason S. continuing to do a terrific job in this position.
 - **Jason S. is voted in as Hotline Committee Chair.**

4. Literature Committee Chair:

- Mathew M. has been nominated.
- Mathew M. leaves the room.
- Discussion centers around his good work in this position and how helpful he has been to H&I.
 - **Mathew M. is voted in as the Literature Committee Chair.**

5. Chip Committee Chair:

- Carlo P. has been nominated.
- Carlo P. speaks in his favor saying he will have three years of sobriety in February, that he likes counting chips and driving once a month to the CA Central Office in Long Beach on his way to work.
- Steve C. asks if he knows how the process will change when the CA Central Office moves to Arizona. Carlo P. does and explains how the chips will be shipped and that sales tax will be lower, thus the cost will only increase slightly. Frank P. has said that the move is likely going to be in June as they do not have a building yet. Chris J. comments that he heard the chip portion of the Central Office might move a little later than the other aspects.
- Carlo P. steps out.
- Discussion centers around Carlo P.'s dedication and willingness to go the extra mile.
 - **Carlo P. is voted in as the Chip Committee Chair.**

6. 4th Step Workshop Chair

- Nick B. has been nominated.
- Nick B. says that David Booth was his teacher and that he does not intend to dominate over this position and is happy to train anyone if they want to take over.
- Discussion centers around the good work Nick B. does with this workshop and how many send their sponsees to him.
 - **Nick B. is voted in as the 4th Step Workshop Committee Chair.**

7. GRC Committee Chair:

- Dan S. and MacKenzie C. have been nominated.
- MacKenzie C. removes her nomination as she will be moving out of state. Frank P. expresses that he appreciates her service.
- Dan S. says he enjoys this commitment and visiting the meetings only two of which he has not attended due to a commitment at a conflicting meeting.
- Dan S. leaves Zoom.
- Discussion centers around the validation that he does go to all the meetings, and it is a good thing that as delegate he is aware of the entire area. It is added that he shares his experience, strength, and hope.

- **Dan S. is voted in as the GRC Committee Chair.**

- At this time Frank P. thanks Chris W. and Lili W. for being present to verify the elections.

8. OCCA Treasurer:

- Donovan B. talks about Betsy L. for OCCA treasurer. "She is trustworthy, and she does excel worksheets for fun." Donovan B. explains that he would like to be in the position of Vice-Treasurer to train Betsy L. and that Chris J. will thus step down from that position.
- Betsy L. says that she has been sober since 2015, is a treasurer at a CA meeting and other meetings and has gainful employment.
- Betsy L. steps outside of the room.
- Steve C. asks if there is anyone who would like to also be nominated for this position.

- **Kyandra M. makes a motion to nominate Betsy L. for Treasurer. Seconded.**

- **Steve C. makes a motion to close nominations.**
- **Betsy L. is voted in as OCCA Treasurer.**

- **Steve C. makes a motion to nominate Donovan B. for OCCA Vice-Treasurer. Seconded.**

- Steve C. speaks to his motion by stating that on the Executive Board, Donovan B. is the voice of reason, and our finances are in great shape and that it is a good move to keep him as Vice-Treasurer.
- Chris J. speaks to the need to change the signers on the account, and it is determined that it will be taken care of offline.

- **Donovan B. is voted in as OCCA Vice-Treasurer.**

- Frank P. thanks the group for the orderly elections.

⇒ **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>\$ 2,349.98</u>
Donations	<u>\$ 1,831.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,091.95</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3,089.03</u>

- Nick B: requests that we bump up the prudent reserve to get back to the \$6,000.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to approve a transfer of \$500 from checking to savings. 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: no report.

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

- Report: Steve C. reports that they are working on a few different referrals that were received this month including one that will be taken first to the Board.
- Steve C. reminds people that they welcome any referral, and they will work to word it and bring it back to the GSO. Matt adds that this committee is here to support all the committees and the fellowship.

⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Alonzo M.- 714.715.0405

- Report: (There was an internet problem.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- ⇒ **Group Relations Committee** - Dan S.- 714.403.8326
 - Report: Dan S. reports briefly that he has been attending the meetings and this area is in great shape.

- ⇒ **Hotline Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500
 - Number of Calls: 47 Duration: the average is 1:47 and longest was 18.42
 - Voicemails: None.
 - Jason S. says that if anyone wants to answer the Hotline to please send him your contact information and you will be welcome.
 - Angel G. mentions that he received a bunch of robot calls and asks if he should remove them and block them. Jason S. explains that because we are a hotline, we don't block out numbers. Frank P. also comments that he received about a dozen calls and most of them were robot calls.
 - Jason S. has 14 people answering calls for the Hotline.

- ⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Tess M. - 949.370.5827
 - Report: Tess M. invites people to attend the H&I meeting ahead of GSO and informs she sent an email to everyone regarding the updated roster. Tess M. reports that there is a group WhatsApp for H&I where people can volunteer to be on a panel, or request volunteers, network and build community.
 - MacKenzie C. is the new secretary for the committee.
 - Nolan O. reports that the H&I Unity event on Doheny State Beach was very well attended, filling two pavilions and two terrific speakers attended. He adds that there will be another one on February 4th from 12-4 at Doheny State Beach and a second one on May 5th also from 12-4 with guest speakers. (February speakers: Pesh and Kelly H. from Montana.) There will be a God shot draw and food.

- ⇒ **Public Information Committee** - Jose A.- 714.615.1167
 - Report: Jose A. reports that he has been attending the PI regional meetings to learn from them. The committee is giving visibility to CA around Orange County. He says committee members have been doing a great job.
 - Jose A. asks people who have flyers or events to announce to send them his way. Kaiser wants us to give us a room to bring CA to their event in addition to working with treatment centers.
 - Chris W. announces that once again AA invites CA to participate at schools in a collaboration, not affiliation.
 - ⇒ **Webservant Subcommittee Report:** -Vacant/Frankie A. sub-
 - Report: Frankie A. reports that Jason S. has updated the website, and that Melanie R.G. has given him the changes in the new schedule.
 - ⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Vacant-
 - Report: At this time the committee is also trying to expand onto TikTok and is figuring out how that would work.
 - ⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
 - Report: Jose A. reports that they have been reaching out to treatment centers.
 - Steve C. asks if the flyers have been approved with the logo by the Executive Board. There is a discussion about getting that done.
 - Jose A. adds that he has been talking to Aurora and Ruby, through the regional PI meetings and they have been very helpful.
Request for Funds: \$ None

- ⇒ **Unity Committee** - Dreia M.- 909.446.2647
 - Report: Dreia M. reports that she is working on having a unity event every month such as a trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific even an event on their roof. Dreia M. adds that she is always looking for help with Unity and in activities Nolan O. could use an extra set of hands.
 - Chris J. thanks Dreia M. for letting him control the Turkey Bowl as it was his past sponsor's event and thus his desire to help. Chris J. add that we had 37 people show up, Jose A. and Matt M. brought literature and took pictures of the

bowling. We made \$82 in profit. One person bowled a turkey and received a gift card. Chris J. gave the other gift card to Dreia M. to be used at another event.

- Chris J. mentions that we need to start working on the Chili Cook off and we must find a location and that he will go to the City of Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Office to see if we could get a discount as we have received in the past as currently a canopy is \$300. Dreia M. says that Miles Square Park has free parking and Alonzo M. has agreed to let us use the Fountain Valley Alano club if it rains.
- There is some discussion on planning committee meetings, chats and so on so it is decided to take that to committee.

Request for funds: none.

- ⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
Report: Nolan O. reports that we have the "Celebrate around the world" event artwork and he will be asking for funds at the next meeting at around \$400.

- ⇒ **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829
- Report:
Number of Sales: \$ 357.00
Request for Funds: \$ 291.99

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to request \$ 291 toward the Orange County Central Office to buy books. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
- Report: Nick B. announces that the next 4th Step Workshop will be on December 16th and the cutoff date to sign up will be the 13th. \$25 dollar fee covers, breakfast, lunch, and all-day coffee as well as all necessary materials.

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

- There is a conversation about the sponsorship workshop where Kyandra M. mentions that the method they had set up for people to sign up and once a group was formed, they would then decide a date, has not been working. It is agreed that having a set date will work better. Nolan O. informs that Laura R. has been dealing with loss in her family and has been out of town but that she showed up to the meeting last Thursday and told him she wants to get back on track with the workshop.

- ⇒ **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258
- Report:
Amount of Sales: \$ 178.70
Request for Funds: \$ 220.00

- **Carlo P. makes a motion requesting \$220 in funds for CAWSA to replenish the chips. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326
- **Report.** Dan S. reports that the Unity of the Valleys convention meeting is tomorrow and adds that they do have an event planned for New Year's Eve and to reach out to him if you are interested. It is in Monrovia which is a little far.

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
- Nolan O. informs that our next Pacific South region caucus is open to all members of CA and usually there are 30 people from OC, and they vote to give you a vote. He adds that you get to hear reports from other areas and we
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shared that we have way more panels than meetings in Orange County which is rare. (We have 42 active panels and month and 19 meetings a month.)

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
- Steve C. reports that as the Vice-chair of S&B he gets to see the inside of how it works, that they receive many referrals that are absolute garbage, and they must sort through by using the World Service Manual.
 - Steve C. informs that we are nearing the time to vote on Tradition 11, with every meeting getting a poll, and that will go back to the S&B to produce the most informed vote possible.
 - Steve C. talks about Aurora wanting to put our meetings on the new app and it is slated for release on different platforms. The app will give you information on the nearest meetings to your location.
- **Steve C. makes a motion to submit our information to World Service to put our information of the app without personal information.**
- There is a discussion on what information will be on there, which will be the Hotline, and Steve C. will discuss with Jason S. what he needs to do to move this forward.
- **Passes unanimously.**
- Nolan O. reports that we are working on a CA "12 and 12" which is very exciting.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- No report.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Kyandra M.- 928.503.2328]

- No report.

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

1. Robert's Rules Workshop -Steve C. announces that he will be holding one in January, it will be 30 minutes and go over what the basic processes on simple procedure are, so you feel competent in the basics. It will be on Zoom.

⇒ **New Business**

- **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$250 to World Service Organization. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

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

- **Chris J. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- Upon adjournment, **Chairperson** calls for a moment of silent meditation and requests an individual to lead the GSO in a prayer of their choice.
- ⇒ Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.